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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Glenn H. McGall et al.

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TECHNIQUES

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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312(a)**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.